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SENATOR MARESH: These are elected judges, you're talking about, the three of them in some judge districts, then they appoint judges...there are judges below these people was what his question was really addressed to.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: He didn't ask me about that. He asked me what judges we were talking about raising the salary for.

SENATOR MARESH: Then, as a lower echelon of judges, if you want to put it in that area.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Clerks.

SENATOR MARESH: Pardon.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Most of them are clerks. Every county has to have an associate judge which is the clerk.

SENATOR MARESH: Okay, now, these people are on the county level are only clerks?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Basically that's what they are.

SENATOR MARESH: They really do no judging.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: They do arraignments, they set bails. It's very specifically set out in LB 1032 what they can do and if it isn't set out, the judges, the elected judges specify by court order what they can and cannot do. If it happens to be a lawyer associate judge, the specifications call for his or her being able to do more than a nonlawyer judge. This is set forth in the bill very clearly.

SENATOR MARESH: Senator Luedtke, then the area that I might be from in western Nebraska would have two district judges. Is that correct?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I believe that's correct.

SENATOR MARESH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, are we speaking to the amendment now or the bill?

PRESIDENT: We're talking about Senator Stull's amendment of Senator Cavanaugh's amendment.

SENATOR LEWIS: I will hold my remarks until we have disposed them, because I want to talk about the bill.

PRESIDENT: Well now, you ran back to turn your light on. Isn't that correct, Senator Cavanaugh, we're talking about Senator Stull's amendment to your amendment to the bill? Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am in sympathy with what Senator Stull is trying to do and